

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

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HERRING SPAWNING REGULATIONS FOR THE EASTERN MAINE SPAWNING AREA
ARE IN EFFECT STARTING AUGUST 11, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

The Maine Department of Marine Resources would like to inform herring fishermen and dealers that herring spawning closure regulations which affect the capture of spawning herring in state and federal waters in the Eastern Maine Spawning Area will be in effect August 11th through September 8th, 2007.

It shall be unlawful to land in any State of Maine port of facility, or to transfer at sea from any Maine registered vessel, any catch of spawn herring in stages V or VI harvested from the following described Eastern Maine Area:

All waters bounded by the following coordinates:

Maine coast 68° 20' W

43° 48' N 68° 20' W

44° 25' N 67° 03' W

North along the US/Canada border

The landing of adult herring with spawn (roe and milt) will be prohibited. Anyone may fish for or land herring during this closure so long as herring with spawn Stages V or VI comprise zero % of the catch or are less than or equal to nine (9) inches. The zero % provision will be enforced by examining samples of herring taken from individual loads.

Herring taken legally outside the Eastern Maine Spawning Area may be transported through the area.

For more details, please contact your local Marine Patrol Division Headquarters (Div I 633-9595, Div II 667-3373) or your local marine patrol officer, or call the DMR Boothbay Harbor Laboratory (633-9500).

See map below.

